

Accreditation Handbook

Professional Services Division

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Overview of this Report

This report provides an update on the work to revise the *Accreditation Handbook* for discussion and input.

Staff Recommendation

This is an information item only.

Background

Each chapter of the *Accreditation Handbook* is currently under review. Chapters that are ready for input are posted on the Commission website with a request for stakeholder input. Individuals are asked to respond to specific chapters via a feedback survey. Staff is seeking input, primarily from those who have been involved in the Commission's accreditation activities. For example, institutions that have completed pilot Biennial Reports will be encouraged to provide feedback on that chapter. Those who have participated in Program Assessment as reviewers will be asked to review the chapter on Program Assessment. In addition, feedback will be gathered from individuals who have no experience with the Commission's accreditation system to ensure the document is comprehensible and comprehensive.

The feedback survey has been developed and asks for input in three general categories:

- Is there any language that is unclear?
- Are there any areas that should be omitted from the chapter?
- Are there any additional areas that should be included in the chapter?

In addition, respondents are asked to provide demographic information.

Input on individual handbook chapters will continue throughout the summer. A report on the handbook will be presented at the August COA meeting. The revised handbook will be on the October COA agenda for possible adoption. Once adopted, the *Accreditation Handbook* will be complete and posted on the Commission website.